

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-20 are pending. Claims 12-16 and 18-20 are amended. Support for the amendments to Claims 12-16 and 18-20 is self-evident. Claims 1-11 were canceled previously. Claims 21 and 22 are canceled by the present amendment. No new matter is added. The specification is amended to include a cross-reference paragraph.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 15 was objected to as an improper dependent claim. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 12 was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. Claims 13-22 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 12-22 recite allowable subject matter.

Applicants further note with appreciation the courtesy of a personal interview granted by Examiner Marshall and Examiner Paik to Applicants' representative. In combination with the Interview Summary provided by Examiner Marshall, the substance of the personal interview is summarized below in accordance with MPEP § 713.04.

Regarding the objection to Claim 15 as an improper dependent claim, as discussed during the personal interview, Claim 15 is amended to recite that each sector in each of the first and second rings is the same color as an adjacent sector within that ring. Accordingly, as discussed during the personal interview, the first and second rings correspond to the first and second rings recited in independent Claim 12 and not to the first coding ring and second coding ring. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to Claim 15 is overcome.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 12 as indefinite, as discussed during the personal interview, Claim 12 is amended to recite "a" first ring and "a" second ring where appropriate. Additionally, amended independent Claim 12 recites "wherein all sectors in the first coding ring, which is an innermost coding ring, are the same color except for one that is a complimentary color." Thus, amended independent Claim 12 incorporates the language suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 12 as indefinite is overcome.

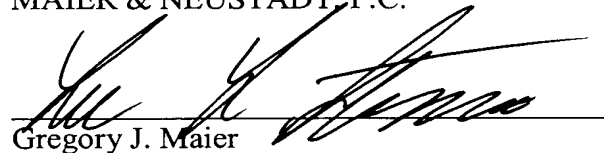
During the personal interview, Examiner Paik and Marshall also mentioned other informalities in the claims, and the remaining claims are amended to address the minor informalities discussed during the personal interview.

For the foregoing reasons, it respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 12-20 is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Marshall deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, she is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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